

REMARKS

The applicant has amended the claims as set out above and provides remarks set out below to address each concern raised by the office in the official communication mailed April 20, 2004.

The amendments are consistent with the disclosure as originally filed. The amendments have also been particularly presented to avoid, where applicable, any admission or estoppel, generally, negatively effecting the scope of protection provided by the disclosure and claims of the present application, and particularly to avoid prosecution history estoppel, limitation of the scope of equivalences, or the like. The applicant does not waive the right to have any unamended claims examined without any reduction in breadth in a subsequent continuing application, if desired.

Cancellation of claims

The applicant, without prejudice, cancels claims 2, 6-8, 17-22, 25-26, 29-33 and 105. The applicant does not waive any right to have these claims examined without any reduction in breadth in a subsequent continuing application, if desired.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Concerns

The action expressed 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph concerns with respect to claims 87 and 105 and has expressed 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph concerns with respect to claims 27, 28 and 70-105.

Applicant has amended claims 28 and 87 to remove, "no separate free radical catalyst precursor is added to said solution"; has amended claims 27 and 70 to replace "separate catalyst precursor" with "separate free radical precursor" and has deleted claim 105 without prejudice. Accordingly, the applicant believes that claims 27, 28, 70 and 87 are in a condition for allowance. Since claim 70 is believed to be in a condition for allowance, claims 71-104 are also believed to be in a condition for allowance in that they each incorporate by reference all the limitations of the claims to which they are dependent. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). Should the

office require further explanation, the applicant stands ready to supplement the above remarks, if necessary.

It is noted that the office has given certain reasons for allowance of the application. It is noted, however, that it is the claims as a whole and not just the summary provided by the examiner, which makes the claims allowable.

CONCLUSION

The applicant having addressed each of the office's concerns raised in the Office Action, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims. In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (970) 224-3100.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,
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